

## HR 5583

### HEALS Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Oct 18, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Nov 4, 2021
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Apr 18, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 18, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Helping Enable Access to Lifesaving Services Act or the HEALS Act

This bill reauthorizes through FY2026 multiple programs that support education and training for mental and behavioral health care professionals. It also extends until FY2026 liability protections for health care professionals who volunteer their services at community health centers.

Specifically, the bill reauthorizes

- grants for health professional schools and related programs for mental and behavioral health education and training;
- a demonstration program that trains health care professionals to provide mental and behavioral health services in underserved, community-based settings; and
- a fellowship program to provide postbaccalaureate training to improve the quality of mental health and substance use disorder services for racial and ethnic minority populations.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 15, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.